

State of Wisconsin

Department of Health and Family Services

Jim Doyle, Governor Helene Nelson, Secretary

Replacing GPR Funding in Selected Programs

Change to Base	FY	FY 04		FY 05	
	GPR	All Funds	GPR	All Funds	
Aids to organizations	(\$185,000)		(\$185,000)		

Description of Proposal

• Replaces GPR funding with federal criminal justice funding in four grant programs: \$50,000 per year for Court-Appointed Special Advocates, \$50,000 per year for Children's Safe House, \$5,000 per year for the Police Athletic League, and \$80,000 per year for Career Youth Development.

Background

- The Legislature has appropriated \$50,000 GPR each fiscal year for Court-Appointed Special Advocates. These programs involve volunteers that provide advocacy services to children involved in court proceedings where abuse and neglect is alleged. Funds are used to promote and support a program of court appointed special advocates, expand the availability and quality of staff and volunteer resources, as well as provide resources for training these persons and support administrative costs.
- \$50,000 GPR is budgeted each fiscal year to Children's Safe House in Kenosha County. Funds provide group treatment programs for families experiencing intrafamial sexual abuse.
- The Police Athletic League receives \$5,000 GPR each fiscal year to purchase sports and recreational equipment for two gymnasium facilities located in Milwaukee, and to contribute to the operating expenses of those gymnasium facilities.
- The Legislature has appropriated \$80,000 GPR each fiscal year for a grant to the Career Youth Development Program (CYD) in Milwaukee for provision of alcohol and drug abuse prevention, intervention and treatment services for minority youth.

Rationale for Proposal

- The Governor's Budget achieves GPR savings while maintaining funding for these programs by using federal grant funding administered by the Office of Justice Assistance.
- Savings for the biennium total \$370,000 GPR.